RESOLUTION 2006-26

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF ETHICS LIAISON OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (the "Highlands Act") has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (the "Highlands Council"); and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to conduct its business as needed, subject to the statute, to effectuate the purposes of the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council desires that its business be conducted in accordance with the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council adopted a Code of Ethics by Resolution 2005-8 dated February 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2006, Governor Corzine signed Executive Order #1 which mandates that "(e)very State department, board, commission, authority, agency and instrumentality shall appoint an individual to serve as an ethics liaison officer. The Ethics Commission staff shall hold quarterly meetings with all ethics liaison officers to ensure that the requirements of the Conflict of Interest Law and this Executive Order are being understood and followed"; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order #1 specifically identifies the Highlands Council as one of boards, commissions, independent authorities and public corporations that must comply with the requirements of the Executive Order.

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council has had an Ethics Liaison Officer;

WHEREAS, as a matter of administrative convenience it would be beneficial to name a new Ethics Liaison Officer and to further name an alternate Ethics Liaison Officer to ensure that there is adequate coverage for the office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- 1. The Highlands Council hereby appoints Kim Ball Kaiser as Ethics Liaison Officer.
- 2. The Highlands Council hereby appoints Jeff LeJava as alternate Ethics Liaison Officer.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 27th day of July, 2006.

John Weingart, Chairman